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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/709,814

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**Art Unit**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 32 and 38-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 39-43 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 32 and 38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 May 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/808)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

This is the non-final Office Action for the serial number 10/709,814, BATHROOM ACCESSORY MOUNTING ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF MOUNTING, filed on 5/28/04.

The allowability of claims 32 and 38 have been reconsidered and withdrawn in view of rejection under US Patent # 5,590,974 to Yang in view of US Patent # 5,135,036 to Caron, any inconvenience is regretted.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

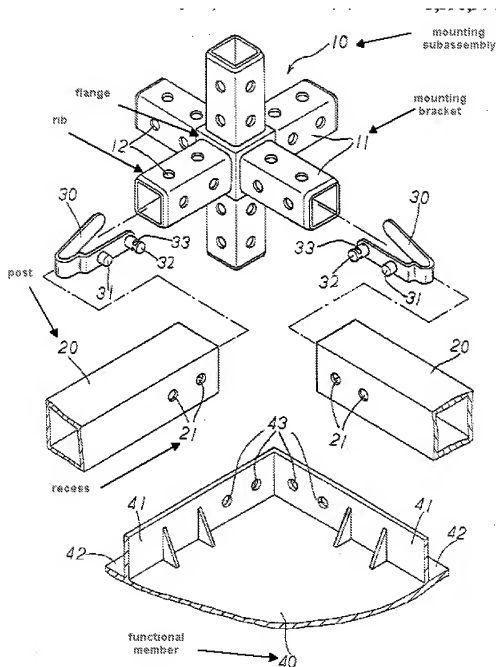
The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 32 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent # 5,590,974 to Yang in view of US Patent # 5,135,036 to Caron.

Yang teaches an accessory comprising a mounting assembly (10) and a post (20). The mounting assembly comprises a mounting bracket (11). The post is connected to the mounting subassembly by alignment of the post with the mounting subassembly and movement of the post along the mounting subassembly solely in an axial direction until an extended portion (31) of a snap flange (30) located on an outer surface of the mounting bracket snaps into a recess (21) formed through the post. The extended portion of the snap flange is being engageable from the exterior of the post to release the connection of the post to the mounting bracket. The mounting bracket comprises an axially extending body portion and one rib located thereon. The accessory

further comprises a functional member (40) connected to the post. The snap flange is located on the axially extending body portion and the snap flange includes a camming surface (rounded top of element 31) that engages an inner surface of the post to flex the snap flange.



Yang teaches the functional member but fails to teach the functional member is a paper holder. Caron teaches the functional member (86) is a paper holder. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have added Yang's functional member with the paper holder as taught by Caron to hold sheets or paper (column 6, line 51-53 in Caron's invention).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 39-43 are allowed.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 32 and 38 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alfred Joseph Wujciak III whose telephone number is (571) 272-6827. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. Allen Shriver can be reached on 571-272-6698. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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